

January 16, 2012

Internal Police Review Authority  
1615 W. Chicago Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60622

Dear IPRA

This is a letter of complaint regarding Street Sgt. Claeson, 8<sup>th</sup> district Police Dept, on 1-2-12, late PM, approx. around 10:30pm.

I. Bullet points on my situation:

1. Had to call 911 twice for help in a violent situation between my former landlady [REDACTED] + myself on 1-2-12.
2. Had the 2 officers come on the 1st call, I wouldn't have been physically assaulted more than once!
3. I called 911 again - a 3rd time to complain about the service + The female operator said the Street Sgt. would be calling me + she took my phone number.
4. The Street Sgt didn't call, he came by and instead of hearing my complaint first, he talked with my now former landlady first.
5. My now former landlady made sure Sgt Claeson spoke with her afterwards about what was said to me.

II. Bullet points on Sgt. Claeson, Street Sgt:

1. First words out of Sgt. Claeson's mouth were "our office has been busy doing all other calls."
2. Per Sgt. Claeson, my brother, James, who was a witness to the physical assault, was deemed not a viable witness. Per Sgt. Claeson's words, "you need an independent impartial witness, not your brother."

## II. continued - Bullet Points on Street Sgt. Claeson:

3. Sgt. Claeson refused to make a police report, based on his opinion that the situation was a civil matter, because it was "a he said, she said situation".
4. When I pressed Sgt. Claeson, he said he could arrest both of us, but that he didn't think I wanted that.
5. I see #4 as a Police Threat by Sgt. Claeson.
6. Sgt. Claeson said because neither myself nor my landlady had any injuries, ~~and~~ I needed to resolve the situation by moving out.
7. I see #6 as a violation of my civil rights + my Federal anti-discrimination laws as Sgt. Claeson took the word of an 86 year old landlady with high blood pressure, her comments, over me, a 57 year old Black Ambassador, who was disabled + was injured + in shock, + in need of medical care.

## III. My views, as a Block Ambassador, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Toni Foulkes

Re: Sgt. Claeson

1. Because I wasn't a victim of a drive by, he wasn't interested in doing his job.
2. Because I wasn't bloody from a gunshot wound, he couldn't have cared about doing his job.
3. He preferred with meech favoritism me, then 86 year old landlady's version prior to mine, who was the one who called for HELP! = Me!!
4. Sgt. Claeson was full of his own opinions as though they, his opinions, were the law!
5. He never once considered that I was his customer,

III (a) continued on Street Sgt. Claeson not once.

6. For some unknown reason, to me, he had much bias towards me + my brother.
7. He didn't call for a Paramedic unit to check me for injuries.
8. Sgt. Claeson refused to talk with me about what he said to my then landlady.

III (b) My views, as a citizen, a voter on Sgt. Claeson's representation of The 8<sup>th</sup> District Police Department:

1. unethical
2. unprofessional
3. opinionated
4. biased towards me + my brother
5. favoritism toward [redacted], my former landlady
6. unwilling to do his job + improve the quality of the previous service given
7. in a hurry to leave
8. impatient
9. acted as though he was a lawyer by most of his comments
10. His resolution was to arrest both me + my then landlady, unless I moved out.

IV Final Comments on Sgt. Claeson

It is police professionals, such as Street Sgt. Claeson, that give excellent police professionals a bad rap, a bad reputation. In my opinion, a ghetto arena should not

receive less ethical, professional, customer-service-orientated police action than a wealthy Chicago suburb. Even with the danger element, the honor code is the same: serve + protect. Any police professional who makes a solo decision apart from their oath, makes it to the harm + hurt of the whole police force.

#### V Behaviors That I see as unprofessional by any police officer, Sgt. or otherwise: Sgt. Claeson in particular:

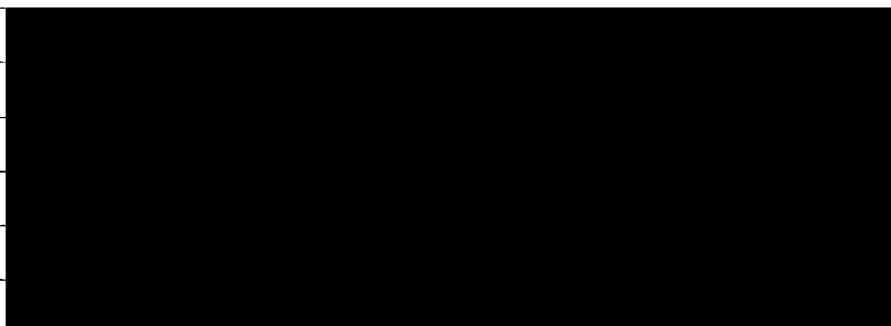
1. Bad attitudes
2. Refusals to do their job, because don't like cities
3. bias +/or favoritism
4. retaliation
5. bully tactics
6. intimidation tactics
7. Threats of any kind
8. personal opinions
9. opinionated in the negative regarding a person
10. taking sides + pitting 1 party against the other
11. using power-posturing to gain ascendancy
12. belittling words
13. using legal jargon to avoid doing their job
14. refusing paramedic services
15. refusals to make police report +/or make a singular arrest + let the Detectives do their jobs.

I cannot express enough my dissatisfaction with Street Sgt. Claeson. It is a crying shame that my rental monies help pay property taxes that pay his salary to act out unprofessionally.

any time he please with little to no accountability, until moments like this one, contained in this letter of complaint.

I wouldn't trust Street Sgt. Claeson to serve & protect if you gave me a Billion dollars, of ushech, I wouldn't receive anyway.

Please forward your response to me at:



My complaint re: Sgt Claeson is about my former address of:



Chicago, Illinois 60629

Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter.

Sincerely,



5th Ward Black Ambassadors - Ald. Toules

notation: Also, because I was denied a police report within 12 hours of the assault, I cannot apply for Crime Victim Compensation.